



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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M A Y 2007

A Citizens' Caucus was held at the Town Hall, Tolland Massachusetts on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:00pm to nominate candidates for the following town offices after a Caucus Chairman and Secretary were chosen:

The meeting was opened at 7:00pm with 17 of 303 registered voters present at the start of the meeting. No quorum is required for Town Caucus. The Town Clerk opened the floor for nominations for Caucus Chairman. Steve DellaGuistina was nominated, seconded and voted unanimously. The Caucus Chairman then asked for nominations for Caucus Secretary. Susan H. Voudren was nominated, seconded and voted unanimously. The Caucus Chairman then read the warrant as posted.

ONE SELECTMAN FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

Steve DellaGuistina was nominated, 2nd, voted and won by majority.
Eric R. Munson Jr. was nominated, 2nd, voted and won by majority.

ONE TREASURER FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

Margaret M. McClellan was nominated, 2nd, voted and won by majority.

ONE TAX COLLECTOR MEMBER FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

Margaret M. McClellan was nominated, 2nd, voted and won by majority.

ONE TOWN CLERK FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

Susan H. Voudren was nominated, 2nd, voted and won by majority.

ONE ASSESSOR FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

Susan S. Moore was nominated, 2nd, voted and won by majority.

ONE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS

James A. Joyce was nominated, 2nd, voted and won by majority.

ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

Penelope H. Babbitt was nominated, 2nd, voted and won by majority

MODERATOR FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS

No one was nominated for this office.

There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan H. Voudren, Town Clerk April 11, 2007

NOTICE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held by the Board of Selectmen at the Town Hall on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:15PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

Voting the Fiscal 2008 Town Budget

From the Board of Selectmen:

The Management Letter from Thomas J. Scanlon & Assoc. for the examination of our financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2005 was approved by The Board of Selectmen on Monday, April 9, 2007. The letter is intended to summarize the overall conclusions and recommendations which for the Town of Tolland were favorable. The letter is available for review at either the Tolland Town Hall or the Tolland Public Library.

Board of Selectmen's meetings:

- Monday 5PM
- May 7th, 14th & 21st

Town Hall closed Monday, May 28th

Senator Knapik at the Town Hall:

Senator Knapik will be available at the Town Hall on May 7th at 11:15am for anyone who wishes to meet with him.

New rates for Tattler ads...

Effective immediately, the new rates for display advertising in the Tolland Tattler are as follows:

1/4 page ad \$10.00
1/2 page ad \$20.00
Full page ad \$40.00

Deadlines for all ads and copy is the 20th of the month.



Tolland Town Directory

Town Hall - main number : 258-4794
Hours: Mon & Tues. 8am to 4pm
Wed. from 8am to 12pm

- Emergency - Police/Fire/Ambulance
Dial 911
- Non-Emergency -
Fire/Ambulance/Police 258-4515
- ASSESSOR CLERK - 258-4889
Hours: Mondays 10am - 4:00pm
- BOARD OF ASSESSORS - 258-4889
Hours: Mondays 10am - 4pm
Meeting: 1:00pm - 4th Tuesday of month
- BUILDING INSPECTOR
by appointment only - 258-4590
- DUMP HOURS
Sundays - 3:00 - 5:00pm
Wednesdays - 5:00 - 7:00pm
Saturdays - 9:00am - 11:00am
- FIRE DEPARTMENT - 258-2859
Meeting & Drill - 7:00 - 10:00
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month
- HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - 258-4531
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY
6:30pm - 2nd Tuesday of month
- PLANNING BOARD - 7:00pm
3rd Monday of each month
- TOLLAND LIBRARY
Hours: Monday - 3:00pm - 8:30pm
Thursday - 11:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday - 10:00am - 12:00am
- TOWN CLERK - 258-4068
Hours: Mondays 2:00 - 4:00pm and
by appointment
- * SELECTMEN
Mondays at 5:00 unless otherwise noted
- TAX COLLECTOR 258-4794

TOWN OF TOLLAND MASS

Record of Dog License May 1, 2007 thru April 30, 2008

Date: ____/____/____ Tag #: _____

Owner Name: _____ Dog's Name: _____

Spayed or Neutered: \$5.00 NOT Spayed or Neutered: \$10.00

Fee Paid: \$_____ Cash or Check (Circle one)

Payment rec'd by: _____

TOP OF FORM FOR DOG OWNER AFTER COMPLETION BY TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF TOLLAND MASSACHUSETTS

Record of Dog License May 1, 2007 thru April 30, 2008

Date: ____/____/____ Tag #: _____

Owner Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Only if different from street address)

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____

Color: _____ Weight: _____ Age: _____

PROOF OF RABIES, SPAYING OR NEUTERING REQUIRED

Rabies Vaccine Exp. Date: ____/____/____ Copy Required

Spayed or Neutered: \$5.00 ----- NOT Spayed or Neutered: \$10.00

Fee Paid: \$_____ Cash or Check (Circle one)

Payment rec'd by: _____

From the office of the Town Clerk

Senator Knapik will be available to the Town Hall on Monday May 7th at 11:15 a.m. for anyone who wishes to meet with him.

- Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday May 14th
The last day to register to vote at this meeting is Monday May 7th 2 – 4 p.m. and 7 - 8 p.m. Forms are available at the Town Hall and also on the Town Website:
www.tolland-ma.gov.
- Town Election, Saturday May 19th – Polls will be open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
This is a Vote by Ballot. If you are unable to be in Town during the hours the polls are open you may fill out an absentee ballot.

Requesting an absentee ballot: Absentee ballot request forms are available at the Town Hall or on our Town website at www.tolland-ma.gov. Once completed the requests may be dropped off for the Town Clerk during Town Hall business hours, returned by U.S. mail or left in the grey drop box outside the Town Hall. Absentee ballot requests will be accepted until noon on Friday May 18th, therefore I will hold office hours on the 18th from 10 a.m. until noon.

Completion and return of absentee ballot: Once the request is received an will be sent back via U.S. mail. Allow for this process when making your request. Return the absentee ballot in the envelopes provided. Be sure to fill out all requested information. Return it by dropping it off for the Town Clerk during Town Hall business hours, by U.S. mail or drop it in the grey drop box outside the Town Hall.

You have until the closing of the polls to return the absentee ballot.

- Dog Licensing
All dogs and cats are required by the State of Massachusetts to be vaccinated for rabies and all dogs are required to be licensed. If you missed the rabies and licensing clinic on April 21st the new license forms is included in the Tattlers that are mailed out, are available at the town hall or can also be downloaded from the town website:
www.tollanma.gov. The new licenses are in effect May 1, 2007 thru April 30, 2008. The new license form is also included in the Tolland Tattler. You must include proof of rabies and also proof of spaying or neutering. A copy will be made and your information will be returned along with the completed license and new tags. Checks should be made out to the Town of Tolland. The fees are \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 if they are not.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 258-4068 or townclerkatolland@earthlink.net. I also check my voice mail and email from home.

Sue Voudren, Town Clerk.

Help Wanted

Lifeguard, PT through Labor Day 2007. Private Association and Pond Beach in Tolland. CPR, First Aid and Water Safety required. Must be certified or willing to complete certification prior to start of duties.

Please apply to:

Wildwood Property Owners Assoc. Inc.
Phone: (413) 258-4900
Fax: (413) 258-4266

Fire Department News



The meetings/drills for the month of May are the following Tuesday nights, May 8th and May 22nd from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to stop by the firehouse during this time, please feel free to do so.

Order forms for the reflective house number signs can be picked up at the Town Hall. An order form is printed in the Tattler also. These signs have proven to be very helpful when responding to calls by the Police Dept. and responding Fire Departments.

Our first pancake breakfast was a great success! Thanks to all who came and enjoyed a delicious breakfast with us! I would like to thank members Eric Munson III, Mike Sullivan and Lester Walker for putting together this event. I also would like to thank all the members and their families who helped out during the breakfast and to Todd Simonds who cooked up the delicious food and to Steve DellaGiustina and Eric Munson Jr. for helping out. Many thanks to the Ronald Messenger family and Charlie Adams for providing us with their own Tolland made maple syrup. We are all looking forward to next years breakfast!

We are planning a Spaghetti Dinner for the month of August. This will take place on the Tolland Town Green. More information will be available in the Tattler as this event approaches. Members will be selling tickets for the dinner.

Recently we received an equipment grant from the state of Massachusetts. Funding from this grant will go towards two new sets of turnout gear and for jackets for our new First Responders. Many thanks to my wife Robin for writing this grant.

The following are the responses from March 21st through April 20th:

March responses:

- 1 - medical call
- 1 - mutual aid - Town of Granville(house struck by lightning)

April responses:

- 1 - flooding, standby at our station
- 1 - flooded basement
- 1 - mutual aid - Town of Sandisfield (brush fire)

A note for all, please be sure to check and clean out your dryer hose and vent. A clogged hose or vent can cause a fire. Many house fires can be prevented by doing this simple task.

Chief, Robert Littlefield, Sr.

Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER
ORDER FORM

Please complete the following information:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, ST. , ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

Address Number Requested

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Note: if your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X those boxes not used.

MOUNTING PREFERENCE

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FOR INFORMATION, call 258-2859

Checks payable to: Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
162A Colebrook River Road
Tolland, MA 01034

From the office of The Tax Collector

Real estate and personal property tax bills for Fiscal year 2007 which ends June 30 were mailed on April 13.

The tax bills are due 30 days from mailing (May 14) at The Tolland Town Hall:

Collector's Office
241 West Granville Rd
Tolland, MA 01034

By law, the bills were mailed to the owners of record as of Jan 1, 2006.

Any new homeowner or anyone who has not received the real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the collector's office. The Collector's Office can be reached at (413)258-4794.

Granville Federated Church

American Baptist & United Church of Christ

16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034—Phone 413-357-8583

Webpage: www.granvillefederated.org <<http://www.granvillefederated.org>>

- Saturday, May 5 at 6 pm we will have a potluck supper. Bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share and your friends, neighbors and relatives for pleasant fellowship and great food.
- The Ladies Aid will meet for a potluck luncheon at noon on Wed., May 16. A meeting will follow. All are welcome. Members may bring their Tag Sale items.
- TAG AND BAKE SALE: On Fri., May 18 and Sat., May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Ladies Aid will hold a sale of delicious baked goods and newly donated items. Your donations may be left at the fellowship hall on Wed., May 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. or Thurs., May 17 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Extra help is always welcomed!
- Sunday, May 20—8:30 to 9:30 a.m. A delicious breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall followed by the Morning Worship Service. Trained, certified babysitters are available for babies and small children. Children leave for Sunday School after the Children's Sermon.
- On Sun., May 27 at 11:15 a.m. we will meet with the Rev. Patrick McMahon for a discussion of religion in the news. Newcomers are welcome to join anytime.
- Sunday --10am Morning Worship & Sunday School
- Monday—7pm-AA Meeting
- Thursday—7pm-Adult Choir Practice
- First Saturday—6pm potluck supper
- Third Sunday—8:30-9:30 Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
- Third Wednesday—Noon-Ladies Aid Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
- Fourth Sunday—11:15am—Adult Study Program led by the Rev. McMahon

All are welcome

Tolland Public Library

Music and Movement at the Library!!!

This month at the Tolland Public Library is promoting music and movement. Try something new. You won't know until you try it.

On CD:

- Pat Donohue - Back Roads
- Pat Donohue - Radio Blues
- Concert for George
- Kiri Te Kanawa - Kiri
- John Mayer - Continuum
- Five for Fighting - Two Lights

On DVD:

- Celtic Woman: A New Journey
- Concert for George
- Pulse: Stomp Odyssey
- Neil Young: Heart of Gold
- Leonard Bernstein Conducts "West Side Story"
- Dreamgirls
- That's Entertainment I, II, III

Also new on DVD:

- Man of the Year
- Night at the Museum
- The Queen
- Keeping Mum
- Pursuit of Happyness
- Flicka

The Library is trying to replace as many of the VHS tapes on our shelves with DVDs as we possibly can. We are rapidly running out of space for our movies. Changing the titles to DVD and weeding out old movies is our only chance. I am hoping that you can help as well. We are looking for donations of DVDs. Anyone interested in donating can receive a letter for tax purposes if requested. Thank you in advance for helping.

Don't forget that the Toddler Story Time begins on May 3rd at 11:15. I hope to see some of my favorite people there!

Jessica Kelmelis

Congratulations....

Happy Anniversary and best wishes to Ruth and Al Berube of Lands End Drive... April 29 marked their 40th anniversary.

Council On Aging

Re: • May 17 Gardening Talk at Tolland COA
• Council on Aging News

The Tolland Council on Aging will sponsor a Gardening talk on the Third Thursday in May, (Thursday, May 17, 2007) from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Tolland Town Hall. The topic of the talk is "It's time to break out the Garden". The talk will be by a member of the Western Massachusetts Master Gardener association, a volunteer organization that promotes gardening by sharing their knowledge, expertise and gardening interests with the public. The speaker lives in Westfield, so the talk will be geared to the local environment.

Topics usually include one or more of the following: pest control, vegetable gardens, growing herbs, selecting annuals and perennials, lawn care, garden design, and wildflower gardening. Please join us for this very informative talk. There will be a Question and answer session after the talk, so you can get your personal question answered by an expert.
Emergency Preparedness

Did you know that in Massachusetts flooding forced the closing of a nursing home and many residents had to leave, a chemical spill on the Mass Pike closed it for half a day, a weakened dam caused a town evacuation, fire in a home care facility displaced 50 seniors, and many other disasters, large and small, displace people frequently? Would you be ready to leave your residence suddenly for a day, a week, or even longer? While hopefully infrequent, Massachusetts has hurricanes, hazardous material spills, severe winter storms, flooding and other hazards, so you should know some basics about your personal preparedness.

Authorities recommend and many people keep a small "go kit" ready in case they need to leave their homes suddenly. In the "go kit" you might keep:

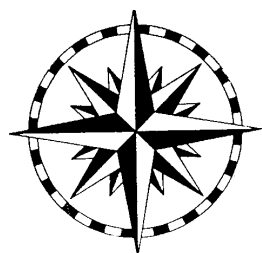
- Names and contact information for family members and close friends
- Information about your assistive devices such as glasses, hearing aides and maybe an extra pair of glasses
- List of health issues, plus a list of medications/dosages, your doctors name and the name of your pharmacy
- One week supply of medications
- Some money, possibly a few hundred dollars, or more
- Extra clothing including a sweater and hat and gloves
- Some type of non- perishable food

While being forced to leave home in an emergency will never be pleasant, a little preparation with a "go kit" can help you help you fare much better. With a kit similar to that listed above you would have the ability to help the professional emergency people make sure that you are taken care of well.

Bob Maselek, COA



Tolland Weather



	MAX.	DATE	TIME	MIN.	DATE	TIME
TEMPERATURE	74	Apr.20	2pm	13	Mar.21	5am
HUMIDITY	100% several times			6%	Mar.31	1pm
DEWPOINT	53	Mar.22	11pm	-13	Mar.21	11am
BAROMETRIC PRESS.	30.63	Mar.21	10am	28.81	Apr.16	8am
WIND SPEED/DIR.	38 NNW	Apr.13	10pm			
WIND CHILL				-2	Mar.18	5am
TOTAL RAINFALL	8.82 in.					
TOTAL SNOWFALL	4.5 in.					

Comments: Concluding a Winter season that seemed very long but brought us only 36.5 inches of snow. Thank you to Bob Ueberbacher and Alan Binder for their help with snowfall measurements this year. Note the very low barometric pressure recorded on the 16th of April to coincide with the big Noreaster that was mostly a rainmaker. We recorded about 6" of precipitation with that storm. Combining another 2" that fell a few days earlier equaled a recipe for some flooding and erosion of surfaces during this time. I do not recall ever observing Colebrook Reservoir so high. Happy Spring..

Connecticut recorded over 20 inches of snow where we had about eight inches. That storm brings Bradley Fields official snowfall total thus far close to what we have recorded here in Tolland to this date.



For the period: March 17 to April 20, 2007

Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level

High Country weather prepared by Steve Strinie

Granville Cultural Council

May 5 – 6, 2007 – Granville's Arts and Artisans Show held at The Old Meeting House in Granville, MA. Starting Saturday at 10:00 AM, the 15th Annual Art Show will be FREE to the public. The show will continue until Sunday, May 6, 2007 displaying many talented craft and art work created by 40+ Granville residents in the historic Old Meeting House, located on Route 57 West in Granville, MA. Hours: Saturday 10:00 – 4:00 and Sunday 12:00 – 4:00.

May 20, 2007 – Pipe Organ Concert, 3:00 PM at the Granville Federated Church, in Granville, MA . The well-acclaimed musically gifted choral leader of classical and baroque music, Mr. Allan Taylor, will be presenting celebratory organ music accompanied by a string quartet with music selections by Handel and Mozart. The Granville Federated Church is celebrating the recent gift of a new pipe organ with this festive concert for the community.



FRIENDS OF YANNER PARK ANNOUNCES EVENT SCHEDULE

SANDISFIELD – Friends of Yanner Park will hold a series of community events to raise money for its ongoing park development project. The all-volunteer organization plans to put a ball field, pavilion, playground, gardens and walking trails on 250 acres of land bequeathed to the town of Sandisfield by the late Jack Yanner.

This year's events include pancake breakfasts on Mother's Day (May 13), Father's Day (June 17), and Columbus Day weekend (Oct 7), a fireworks show on August 18th, a lobster supper on August 25th and a talent show on October 20th that will jointly benefit Friends of Yanner Park and the Sandisfield Arts Center.

According to Robbin Campetti, President of the organization, the group hopes to complete one of the major park elements this summer.

For more information about Yanner Park, visit www.yannerpark.org.

THE TOLLAND TATTLER is a monthly newsletter and a non-profit, volunteer publication by the Board of Selectmen of Tolland, Massachusetts. It is distributed free to residents. The Tolland Tattler solicits news and calendar items from town boards and community groups, and will try to print all the news received.

Policy regarding copy submitted for the "Letters to the Editor" column:

The Tolland Tattler is the official publication of the Town of Tolland and is sponsored by the Tolland Board of Selectmen. It receives additional funding from various groups including the Council on Aging. The Board of Selectmen maintains the right to review letters submitted to the 'Letters to the Editor' column for content. Letters that are in bad taste, derogatory or present a potential legal problem will not be printed.

DEADLINE: Copy and calendar events must be received by the 20th of each month. Items can be mailed to the Town Hall, dropped off at the Town Hall or by E-Mail to: jeanwillow@crocker.com

ADVERTISING RATES AND SIZES:

Prices :1/4 page - \$5.00 • 1/2 page - \$10.00 • full page \$20.00

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